

Proverbs 9:1-18
“Two Invitations”

~ INTRO ~

TONIGHT... IN CHAPTER 9...

- Two-invitations:

- 1) **Wisdom** leads to a long-term satisfaction with rewards.
- 2) **Folly** unrestrained from moral principles.

LET'S BEGIN IN

(Luke 6:46-49) NKJV

- Jesus gives the actions and consequences of two kinds of life.

~ STUDY ~

SOLOMON...

- Is teaching the benefits of truth... in daily living.

IDEA #1 – WISDOMS INVITATION (vv.1-6)

(vv.1-2)

THIS IS A POETIC PICTURE OF WISDOM...

- Who is personified as a noble woman...
 - Calling people to a better way of life.

(vv.3-4) THIS IS WISDOM'S INVITATION...

- To come to the party.
 - The simple ones & those who lack understanding were invited.

(Proverbs 1:20-21) NKJV

(v.5) THE IDEA BEHIND... *eat & drink*...

- Is to internalize truth & live it out.

(v.6) The result of accepting the invitation of wisdom...

- Is to leave the old life behind.

APPLICATION TEXT:

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- Believers are to put the brakes on toxic relationships (Eph.5:8-11) NKJV.

(v.6) THE WISDOM IS... *“Forsake foolishness and live”*

“Wisdom is the invitation of God to leave what is shallow and step into a life that is full, structured, and alive.”

IDEA #2 – RESPONSES TO CORRECTION (vv.7-12)

(vv.7-8)

A SCOFFER LITERALLY MEANS...

- To make mouths at (they mouth off).

(v.8) *“Don’t correct a scoffer”*

- We can save ourselves a lot of grief with this wisdom.
- Don’t rebuke someone hostile to God.

(v.9) Those that yield to wisdom

(v.10) Relationship

(vv.11-12) Wisdom brings rewards BUT folly brings suffering.

HERE’S THE POINT:

- Your response to correction...
 - Reveals whether you’re walking toward wisdom or away from it.
- God wants us to have teachable spirits...
 - So He can guide our steps.

IDEA #3 – FOLLY’S INVITATION (vv.13-18)

FOLLY = Rebellion against God & rejection of divine wisdom.

HOW CAN WE SPOT FOLLY?

- Folly is attractive, but it has no substance.

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(vv.14-15)

- Same Audience: That wisdom had above – *the simple* (v.4)
- Same Lure: A voice giving an invitation

(Isa. 30:21) NLT

*“Your own ears will hear Him. Right behind you a voice will say,
‘This is the way you should go...’”*

(vv.16-18)

- Folly appeals to the desires that are ungoverned by moral principles.

~ IN CLOSING ~

(Luke 9:41) NLT

*“Jesus said, ‘You faithless and corrupt people!
How long must I be with you and put up with you? ...’”*

UNBELIEF...

- Is NOT about a lack of evidence... It’s about surrender.
 - Jesus confronts those with repeated exposure to truth...
 - But don’t respond.

IT’S SAID...

- That **unbelief** isn’t standing in the dark with questions...
 - It’s standing in the light and refusing to move.

GOD DOESN’T WANT US TO MAKE EXCUSES...

- He wants us to make adjustments!

THE MODEL JESUS LEFT US IN THE GOSPELS LOOKS LIKE THIS:

SUFFERING PEOPLE...

- Are met with compassion

BUT UNBELIEVING PEOPLE...

- Are always met with correction.